

A BILL TO REAUTHORIZE THE
SOUTHEAST CRESCENT RE-
GIONAL COMMISSION

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2017

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill to reauthorize the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission.

While this bill will reauthorize the Northern Border Regional Commission, the Southwest Border Regional Commission, and the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission, I will focus my remarks on the need for a commission that covers parts of my district—the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission.

The Southeast Crescent Regional Commission encompasses most of the counties of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, and parts of my district in Georgia.

This area is home to millions of rural and impoverished Americans still reeling from decades of job displacement and a lack of investment.

Families in Georgia and all across the South need the help of this Congress as well as the Trump Administration to break out of the unacceptable cycle of poverty and unemployment.

Although the Commission was first authorized by Congress in 2008, a federal co-chair has never been appointed and thus, has not yet had a chance to make a difference. In addition to the introduction of this legislation, I will be calling on President Trump to appoint a federal co-chair so that the full potential of this program can be realized to put the Southeast Crescent region on the road to recovery.

Working with the states and localities, the Commission can assist in leveraging public, private and philanthropic resources to improve the overall economy and infrastructure of the region to encourage private investment and

promote growth in distressed areas. We have seen the success achieved through targeted investments by other regional economic development agencies, it is now time for the Southeast Crescent region have the same opportunity.

The Commission can help develop the community's economic competitiveness and leverage private investment to help improve infrastructure and public transportation, so that workers aren't stuck in endless gridlock and can get to and from work seamlessly. It can help provide job skills training and entrepreneurial development, ensuring that the jobs that are available can be filled by competent workers.

We have an historic opportunity to help create good jobs and develop an historically disadvantaged region.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this measure and finally giving a region that has suffered from historic disadvantages the chance to thrive and succeed.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
LENNIE STEVEN CHEUNG

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2017

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Lennie Steven Cheung—a devoted husband, loving father, wonderful grandfather, and great-grandfather—who passed away on July 16, 2017. He was 93 years old. Mr. Cheung was also a scholar, a visionary, an inventor, and engineer.

Mr. Cheung was born on April 1, 1924 in Tainan, Taiwan, youngest son of Mr. Ding-Chi Chang and Mrs. Po Chang-Su. During the Japanese era in Taiwan, he was educated in the Japanese education system. He scored the highest mark in the history of the General

Civil Examinations when he was just 18 years old. Later he studied law and worked in the Tainan state office. After 1949, due to the change in government in Taiwan, the law he studied became invalid. He went abroad and studied engineering in Japan as he predicted that electronics and technology would become an important part of our society.

In 1970, a U.S. electronics company, Transworld Electronics, hired him and the family moved to Hong Kong. In the 1980's, he started his business, Winner Electronics Company Limited, and set up an electronic factory to manufacture exclusively for Sony. During his career as an electronics engineer, he was an active member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and was awarded several patents.

During his visit to the United States in 1982, he fell in love with the spirit and people he met. The following year, he set up a branch office in Los Angeles, California. Ten years later, in 1993, he, his wife (Mrs. Helen Cheung), and their youngest daughter (Mrs. Josephine Gow) were naturalized as U.S. Citizens and called America their home country.

Mr. Cheung lived in Taiwan, Japan, Hong Kong, and the United States for many years. He was fluent in Taiwanese, Mandarin, Cantonese, Japanese, and English.

Mr. Cheung was a man of many talents and interests. He was a great scholar and had the nick name "the living encyclopedia" from his friends and family. He was a great mentor and advisor to his friends and family. During his free time, he enjoyed reading, listening to music, attending magic shows, and watching detective and action movies. He also had a green thumb, and enjoyed gardening and golfing.

Mr. Cheung was loved and respected by all and he will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Helen Cheung, five children (Roger, Simon, Shen-Long, Alice, and Josephine), ten grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.